

MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
January 24, 2007

PRESENT: Donald Lyons, Chairperson
Sandy Yates
Wilma Brown
Charlotte Barkley
Betty Meredith
Joyce Bunn
Loretta Evans
BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison

ABSENT: Denice Olinger
Dr. Ohlen Wilson
Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist
Dr. Mark Witherspoon, Psychology Director

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2. Chairperson, Donald Lyons, called the meeting to order and presided.

On a motion by Betty Meredith, and a second by Joyce Bunn, the minutes from the December 14, 2006, meeting were unanimously approved.

Karen Poe reviewed with the committee SWVTC Instruction #570 on Behavior Management. There were questions regarding inappropriate implementation of restrictions and pharmacological restraints. Several changes were suggested to clarify wording and to add punctuation. Karen will ask that those changes be made. With recommended clarification, the LHRC voted unanimously to accept SWVTC Instruction #570, on a motion by Charlotte Barkley and a second by Joyce Bunn.

A motion was made by Betty Meredith and seconded by Sandy Yates that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Closed Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A(4) and (15) for the purpose of hearing a report on the 2006 resident discharges and deaths and reviewing the restrictive behavior plans and/or medication reviews of residents. Such review would necessarily involve discussion and consideration of mental and medical records which are confidential and exempted from the Freedom of Information Act.

In response to a question brought up at last month's meeting about the number of discharges versus deaths, Karen Poe reported that for 2006 there were 13 resident discharges and 2 deaths.

After review in Closed Session of the restrictive behavior plans and medication reviews, a motion was made by Wilma Brown and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session, were discussed in the Closed Session.

On a motion made by Loretta Evans and a second by Joyce Bunn, the LHRC unanimously approved as presented individual programs presented by first names and register numbers for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with one update to be given next month.

The Advocate's report was postponed until next month.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

A motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Sandy Yates that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.